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FUNCTIONING OF MERGED AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines which have been merged as one airline has started functioning;

(b) if so, the details and the market share of the merged airline ;

(c) whether any route-rationalization is going to take place after the merger of these two airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)and (b): Consequent upon the decision to merge the two airlines, a new company, viz. National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL)has been incorporated on 30.3.2007. It is expected that the legal and procedural formalities for merger would be completed shortly, paving the way for the merged entity to commence airline operations. The complete merger would be effected in a phased manner over the next two years.

(c)and (d): Route Rationalization has been planned and is expected to be rolled out in phases starting the Winter 2007 schedule.Rationalization is planned by increasing non-stop flights and reducing multistaff flights as well as by limiting overlapping flights and redeploying to serve markets with greater frequencies. Domestically, some Indian flights have been realigned to offer better connections to the international flights.